

# Chap. 3. Xtal Interface and Microstructure.

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- three basic types of interfaces.

1. Solid / Vapor interf. (surface) evaporation, condensation.

2. g. b. interface ( $\alpha/\alpha$ ) - diff. orientation. recrystallization.

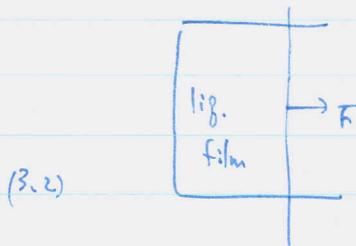
3. Interphase interface. ( $\alpha/\beta$ ) = " . Xtal stuc. comp.  
(s/l)

- Major phase transf : growth of a new  $\beta$  within the parent  $\alpha$   
∴  $\alpha/\beta$  interface important

## 3.1. Interfacial free E. r.

$$(3.1) \quad G = G^\circ + A\gamma$$

excess f.e. by the fact that some mol. sits close to the  
interface: the work done at const T.P. to  
create the unit area of interface.



$$\text{from (3.1)} \quad dG = A d\gamma + \gamma dA.$$

$$\therefore \frac{\text{force/unit length}}{\text{unit length}} = \frac{F}{dA} = \text{force} \cdot \text{cm}$$

$$F = \gamma + A \cdot \frac{d\gamma}{dA}$$

$$G = H - TS$$

$$U + PV$$

$$\delta G - \delta U$$

$$\text{If surface } \epsilon \neq f(A) \rightarrow \frac{d\gamma}{dA} = 0. \quad \text{valid for liquid, } \times \text{solid}$$

at T.m. 0.K

$$(3.3) \quad \therefore F = \gamma \text{ J/mol.}$$

## 3.2. Solid / Vapor interface

- Surface stuc.: hard ball model

assume that the surface is parallel to a low-index Xtal plane.

(small change in lattice para. of surface arrangement.)

otherwise the same as those in the bulk

- surface adsorption of impurities to reduce the s.e.

- Assume fcc metal (111) (200) (220). the higher the index, the less <sup>(less)</sup> pac
- the origin of the surface f.e. from the atoms in the layers nearest the surface w/o their neighbors.

D) Quantification of surface f.e.,  $\gamma_s$ 

- Consider the neighbor nearest. of fcc.

lets think, the bond strength of the metal is  $\varepsilon$ , & the bond lowers the internal energy of each atom by  $\varepsilon/2$  ( $\because \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$  between 2 atoms)



on the top

fcc case each atom on the surface loses 3 neighboring atoms  
(12 nearest neighbors: 3 each: top & bottom, 6 around the)  
 $\therefore 3$  broken bond =  $3 \cdot \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$  excess energy/atom ( $H_{\text{m}} - H_{\text{g}}$ )  $\rightarrow (1)$

- the heat of sublimation,  $L_s$ , ( $= L_m + L_v$ )

when 1 mole of solid is vaporized  $\rightarrow 12 \text{ Na}$  broken bonds

$$\therefore L_s = 12 \text{ Na} \cdot \frac{3\varepsilon}{2} = 6\varepsilon \cdot \text{Na} \quad \therefore \varepsilon = \frac{L_s}{6 \text{ Na}} \quad (2)$$

from (1), (2)

$$(3.4) \quad \therefore \varepsilon_{sv} = \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{L_s}{6 \text{ Na}} = 0.25 \frac{L_s}{\text{Na}} \quad \text{J/surface atom.}$$

(ignored the effect of 2nd nearest neighbors)

& assumed the strength of other bonds of surface atoms

unchanged!



(3.5)

the surface f.e.

$$\gamma = \underline{\varepsilon + PV - TS}$$

surface atoms have more freedom to move  
could be ignored important.  $\therefore$  higher thermal S.  
positive excess S: than atoms in the bulk  
 $\rightarrow$  reduces  $\gamma$   $\&$  extra S<sub>surf</sub> due to vac. formation

(3.6)

$$\gamma_{sv} = 0.15 L_s / \text{Na} \quad \text{for pure metal near Tm.}$$

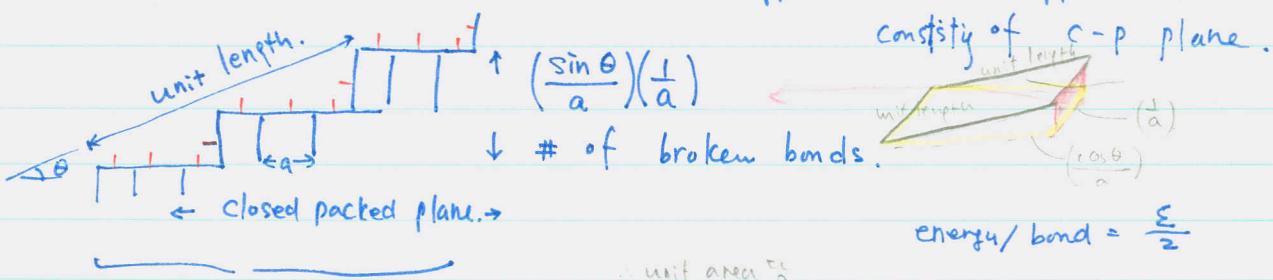
- Due to  $-ST$  term in  $\gamma$ .  $\gamma$  is weak fn of Temp.

$$(3.7) \quad \left(\frac{\partial G}{\partial T}\right)_p = \left(\frac{\partial \gamma}{\partial T}\right)_p = -S \quad \Rightarrow S > 0, \text{ mJ/mole} \cdot \text{K}$$

$G = H + PV = H - TS$

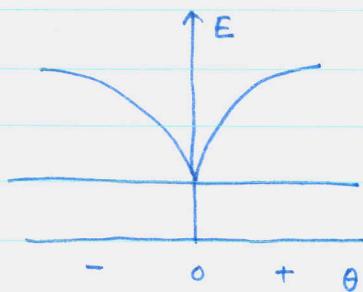
Table 3.1. high  $L_s$ ,  $\gamma_{sv}$  for high Tm metal.

- ∵ diff. Xtal struc → diff.  $E_{sv}$ , depending on the # of broken bonds ↑ thru  $\{111\}, \{200\}, \{220\}$ . ∴  $\gamma_{sv}$  increase.
- 3/atom 4 8.
- high or irrational  $\{hkl\}$  index → appears as a stepped layer struc.



$$(3.8) \quad \left(\frac{\cos \theta}{a}\right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ bond}}{\text{a dist}}\right)$$

$\therefore E_{sv} = (\cos \theta + \sin \theta) \cdot \frac{\Sigma}{2a^2}$



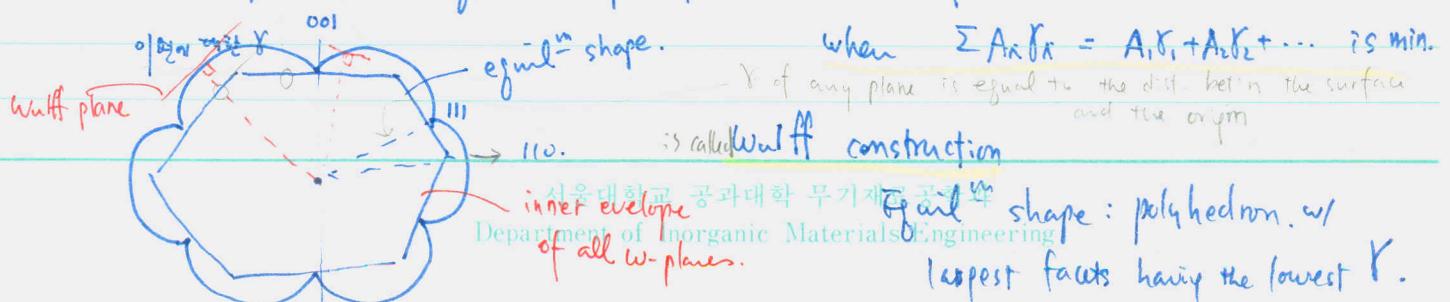
- Variation of surface  $E$  as a fn of  $\theta$ .
- $\theta = 0$ , min. with the closed-packed orientation

All low-index planes be located at low  $E$ . Cusp.

(e. napp effect)

- In  $\gamma-\theta$  plot; less prominent than  $E-\theta$  plot due to entropy effect.

- Prediction of an equal<sup>m</sup> shape of an isolated single Xtal.



- Experiments to prove this

① by annealing single Xtsls at h.t. in an inert atmosp.

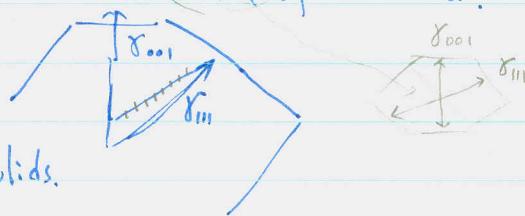
② " small voids inside a crystal.

- if  $\kappa$  is isotropic, equal<sup>12</sup> shapes are spheres

if equal<sup>12</sup> shape is known, we can have relative  $\kappa$  of the observed fault planes.

the widths of the Xtsl = ratio of  $\kappa_{111} : \kappa_{100}$

### ② 3.3. Boundaries in Single-Phase Solids. ( $\alpha/\alpha$ )



- two special types of simple boundary

- i) pure tilt boundary when the axis of rotation parallel to the plane
- ii) pure twist boundary. " is  $\perp$  "

#### 1. Low-Angle & High-Angle Boundaries.

##### i) type

- the boundary: an array of  $\perp$ s  $\leftrightarrow$

boundary

low-angle tilt: array of  $\parallel$  edge ls.

Fig. 3.7(a)

low-angle twist: a cross-grid of "two" sets of screw ls. Fig. 3.7(b)

- In general, boundaries: a mixture of the tilt & twist b. (Fig. 3.8)

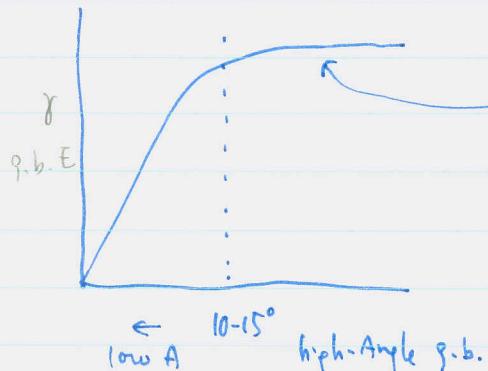
##### ii) Energy

the Energy of 1-angle b. = total energy of ls within unit area of boundary.

$$(3.9) \quad \text{unit } D = \frac{b}{\sin \theta} \quad \therefore D = \frac{b}{\sin \theta} \approx \frac{b}{\theta}$$

- At very small values of  $\theta$  :  $D \uparrow \uparrow \Rightarrow$  then g.b. energy,  $\gamma$ , ↓

$$(3.10) \quad \gamma \propto \frac{1}{D} \text{ (disl. density)} \rightarrow \gamma \propto \theta$$



As  $\theta \uparrow$ , the strain field of the ts ↓  
thus  $\gamma$  increases at a decreasing rate.  
(As  $\theta \downarrow$ ,  $D \uparrow$ )  $\rightarrow \theta \uparrow, D \downarrow$

If  $\theta$  exceeds  $10-15^\circ$ ,  $D$  is so small  
that + cores overlap, impossible to  
identify the individual ts. (Fig 3.10)

- Difference bet'n low & high Angle g.b.

|                      | high                       | low   |
|----------------------|----------------------------|---|
| 1. misfit area       | poor, rel. open struc.     | well fitted, little free vol.   |
| 2. bonds bet'n atoms | broken or highly distorted | slightly distorted $\rightarrow$ poor fit                               |
| 3. boundary E.       | high                       | low. only in<br>only high $\rightarrow$ t. cores.<br>here as high A.g.) |

### - Experimental

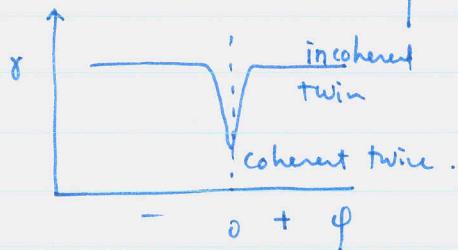
$$(3.11) \quad f_b = \frac{1}{3} \gamma_{sv} \quad (\text{Table 3.2})$$

### 2. Special H-Angle G.B.

Normally h-angle g.b.  $\rightarrow$  open disordered struc.

Some special  $\gamma$   $\rightarrow$  have significantly lower  $E$  than ordinary  $\gamma$ .  
occurs at a special misorientation.

- twin boundaries
  - coherent
  - incoherent.



coherent  
incoherent.

Fig. 3.12.

If the twin b is  $\parallel$  to the twinning plan

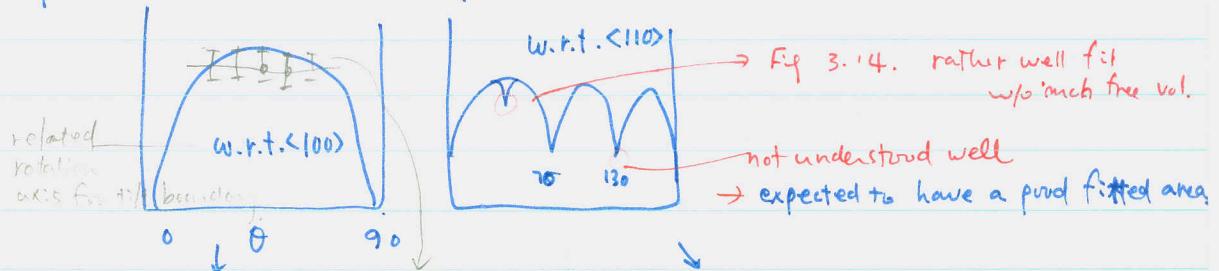
the atoms in the b. fit perfect!!

$\rightarrow$  undistorted positions  $\rightarrow$  coherent

$\rightarrow$  extremely low E.

- In fcc twin  $\rightarrow$  misorientation of  $70.5^\circ$  about a  $\langle 110 \rangle$  axis  
 $\rightarrow$  special high-angle b.  
 if it's coherent, a symmetrical tilt.

- Fig 3.13 : measured p. b. E. w.r.t axis for symmetric tilt.

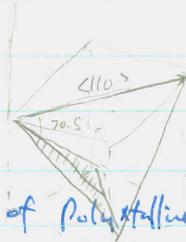


Most h-angle b.  $\rightarrow$  the same E.

$\rightarrow$  disordered struc. of random b.

several (3) large-angle b. w/ noticeably low E.  $\theta = 70.5$  : coherent twin.

### 3. Equil<sup>m</sup> in Poly-crystalline Matls.



- the effect of diff. g.b. E. on the micro. of Poly-crystalline matls.

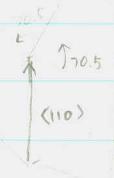
Fig. 3.15 F.S.S. (fcc) annealed.

- 2-D p. struc. (from 3-D)

two grains  $\rightarrow$  meets in a plane. (g.b.)

three grains  $\rightarrow$  ~ like (g. edge)

fourne grain  $\rightarrow$  a linear pt. (g. corner)



- \* Factors controlling g. shapes. in a recrystallized poly-crystal.

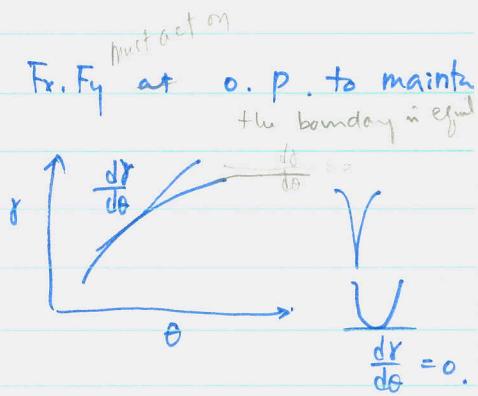
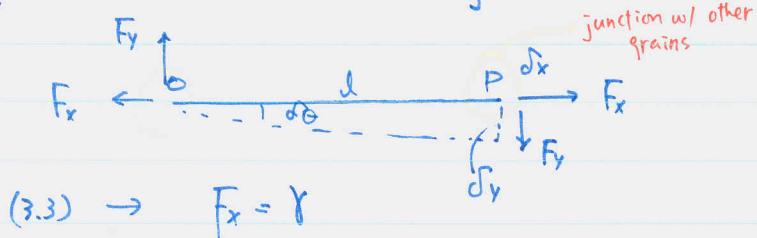
polycrystalline mat'l - never be in a true equil<sup>m</sup>

→ but moves toward the metastable (semi-) equil<sup>h</sup>

→ final equil<sup>m</sup> will be w/ single xtal. but ...

- ① Conditions for equil<sup>m</sup> at a g.b. junction. can be determined  
by ① considering forces of boundary on the junction.  
or by ② considering total p.b. E.

Fig. 3.16. if the boundary is mobile. Fr. Fy at o. p. to maintain the boundary in equil



\* for Fy? if P moves by dy while θ is fixed

$$\delta W(\text{work}) = F_y dy = l \cdot \left( \frac{dr}{d\theta} \right) \cdot d\theta \quad \text{and } \frac{dy}{d\theta} = l \cdot \delta\theta$$

surface or line E. force/unit length  
since  
work (for discrete change + surface)

$$(3.12) \quad \therefore F_y = \frac{dr}{d\theta}$$

this means if the g.b. E  $\neq$  f (boundary orientation)

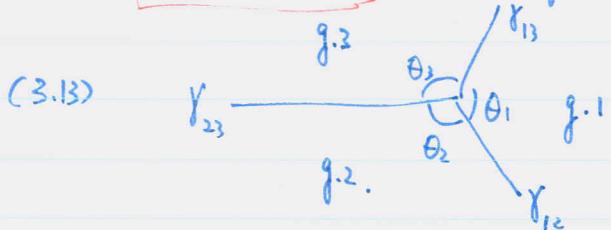
$\frac{dr}{d\theta}$  should exist at the ends of the boundary to prevent rotation  
(known as otherwise if will rotate to a lower E. position)  
a torque term the boundary (orientation)

\* If the boundary is at the min. E. position (cusp orientation).

$$\frac{dr}{d\theta} = 0 \quad (\text{see above the figure above})$$

no torque acting.

If the boundary E is indep. of orientation.  $\frac{dr}{d\theta} = 0$  (isotropic γ)

① no type  
barrierWhen  $\frac{d\gamma}{d\theta} = 0$ .the requirement for metastable equl<sup>m</sup>

$$\frac{\gamma_{23}}{\sin \theta_1} = \frac{\gamma_{13}}{\sin \theta_2} = \frac{\gamma_{12}}{\sin \theta_3}$$

- grains could be diff. phases. i.e., vapor, solid etc.

## ② Method of measuring g.b. E.

① anneal it at h. temp.

② measure the angle at the intersection.

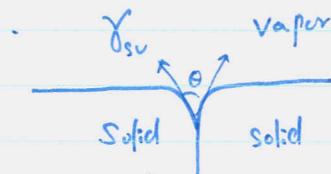
*if it's known*

$$\therefore 2\gamma_{sv} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} = \gamma_b$$

true when  $\frac{d\gamma}{d\theta} \equiv 0$

*no torque term*

*calculate!*



otherwise it will generate a huge error in E.

## ③ the effect of $\frac{d\gamma}{d\theta}$ (consider coherent, incoherent twin boundary)

$= f(\text{orientation})$

for twin b.: tend to align // to the twinning plane.

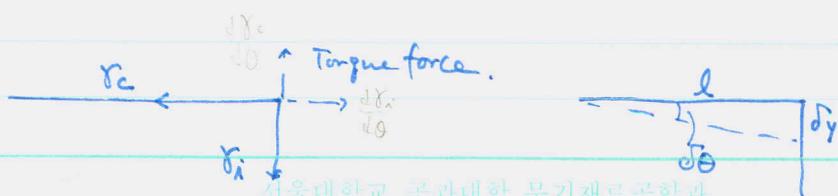
if the boundary is restricted to follow a macroscopic plane,

, which is near but not exactly // to the plane,

the boundary will have a stepped appearance. w/ large coherent low-E facets. and small incoherent high-energy risers

→ not min. E. but for twin b. but reduces total f.E.

Fig 3.19.



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at the coh/incoh twin junction  $\gamma_i$  must be balanced by  $\frac{d\gamma}{d\theta}$  (tongue ten

3.15) if  $\gamma_i \leq \frac{d\gamma_{coh.}}{d\theta}$  the step is stable.

when (Fr)

$$\text{if } \gamma_c \leq \frac{d\gamma_i}{d\theta}$$

incoherent facet become a special boundary



since this is very small,  $\frac{d\gamma_i}{d\theta}$  does not have to be large.

③' From Energy considerations

$\frac{dF}{d\theta} = 0$  at P.  $\text{equil}^m \therefore$  a small displacement increases  $G_{total}$ .

i.e.  $dF > 0$  for this motion

$$dF = l \cdot \frac{d\gamma_c}{d\theta} d\theta - \gamma_i dy > 0 \quad \text{since } l d\theta = dy.$$

strained  $\Sigma$  coherent  
 interface  $\Rightarrow$  larger  $\Sigma$   
 Energy  $\therefore \frac{d\gamma_c}{d\theta} > \gamma_i$ 

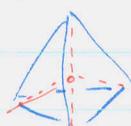
 strained  $\Sigma$  incoherent  
 interface  $\Rightarrow$  smaller  $\Sigma$   
 step +1  $\frac{d\gamma_i}{d\theta}$  sign

#### 4. Thermal activated migration of G.B.

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- At a triple point, if  $\gamma_{12} = \gamma_{23} = \gamma_{31} = \text{const} + f(\text{orientation})$   
then  $\theta_1 = \theta_2 = \theta_3 = 120^\circ C \leftarrow \text{Eq. (3.13)}$

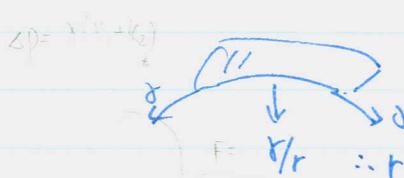
"meta-stable"  
g.b. juncti.  
 $\rightarrow$  no g.b.:  
equil $^m$ .



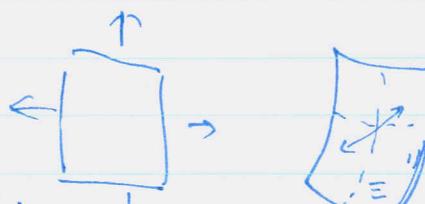
At a quadruple pt.  $\theta = 109^\circ 28'$

②

- In a complete metastable equil $^m$  the surface tension must balance over all the boundary faces



$F = \gamma/r \therefore r \rightarrow \infty$  for  $\gamma/r$  to be 0.  
or curved w/ equal radii  
in opposite direct.



planar boundary curved boundary  
no net force.

- theoretically surface tension is in balance

In reality - w/a net curvature in one direction  $\rightarrow$  the unbalance removed by  
drift annealing at H.T.

- the effect of diff. boundary curvature in 2-D



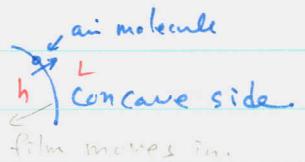
- junction angle  $\rightarrow 120^\circ$  :: if a grain has 6 boundaries  
if # of boundary  $> 6$   
 $\rightarrow$  this grain will grow. | if the # of p.b. is less than 6.  
they will be planar & the struc. metastab.  
must be concave inwards.  
& shrink, disappear.

these result of boundary migration is to reduce the # of grains.

$\rightarrow$  increasing mean grain size, reducing the total p.l.E.

$\Rightarrow$  This phenom called grain growth, grain coarsening.  
 $\rightarrow$  occurs  $> 0.5 T_m$ .

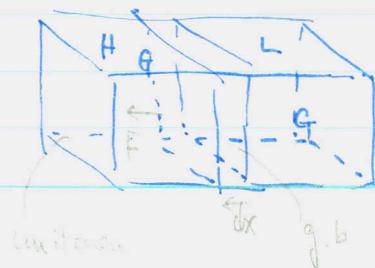
- Soap froth. as an example. high pressure



In metal the atoms in the shrinking grain detach themselves from the lattice on the high pressure side of the boundary & relocate to p. (Fig. 3.23 example).

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- the effect of the pressure diff. by a curved boundary
- (3.17)  $\Rightarrow \Delta G = \frac{2\gamma V_m}{r} = \alpha U$ .  
 $\therefore$  pull the g.b. toward the grain w/ higher  $\Delta G$ .



if unit area of g.b. advances  $dx$

$$\text{the # of moles} = \frac{dx \cdot 1}{V_m}$$

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$$(3.18) \quad \therefore F = \frac{\Delta G}{V_m} \quad (\text{N/m}^2) \quad \text{pulling force/unit area of boundary.}$$

↗ free Energy diff / unit vol.

ex.① In g. growth.  $\Delta G$  is from the boundary curvature

(3.18) applicable to any boundary.

ex.② During recrystallization. the boundaries bet'n the new strain-free &

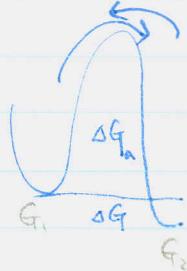
the original deformed grain are mobilized by  $\frac{\Delta G}{V_m}$   
 $\Delta G$  is due to the diff in disl. strain  $E$  bet'n grains.



recrystallized grain grow  $\rightarrow$  total g. b. area increases but  $\Delta G$  for recrystallization is higher than  $\Delta G$  due to p. b. area.

- $\Delta G$  is the greatest when the new grain is small.

④ the effect of  $\Delta G$  on the Kinetics of b. migration. (kinetic factor for p. b. migration)



freq.  $N_1$  # of vib. / sec.

$V_1 = \exp(-\Delta G^\circ/RT)$  atoms of this energy  
 $N_1 = \xrightarrow{\text{atoms in favorable position. in Grain}} n_1 V_1 \exp(-\Delta G^\circ/RT)$

$A_2 = \text{prob. of being accommodated in G2.}$

the effective flux of atoms from grain 1 to grain 2.

$$J_{1 \rightarrow 2} = A_2 N_1 V_1 \exp(-\Delta G^\circ/RT)$$

- Reverse direction.  $J_{2 \rightarrow 1} = A_1 N_2 V_2 \exp\left[-\frac{(\Delta G^\circ + \Delta G)}{RT}\right]$

$$(1/2)(i) \quad \Delta G = \Delta G^\circ + RT \ln K_p$$

i) At equilibrium  $\Delta G = 0$   $\therefore A_1 N_2 V_2 = A_2 N_1 V_1$  (2/2)(ii)  $\Delta G = \Delta G^\circ + RT \ln \frac{C_{\text{diff}}}{C_{\text{eq,ip}}}$   
no net flux.

ii) For a h-angle g.b.  $A_1 \approx A_2 \approx 1$  little problem w/ accommodation.

$$(A_1 n_1 V_1 = A_2 n_2 V_2)$$



Assume that the equality holds for small non-zero driving forces w/  
 $\Delta G > 0 \therefore$  net flux from grain 1 to 2.

$$(3.19) J_{\text{net}} = A_2 n_1 V_1 \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta G^a}{RT}\right) \left[ 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta G}{RT}\right) \right]. \quad (1)$$

if the boundary vel. is  $V$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{net flux} &= V / (\underline{V_m / N_a}) = V C_a \left( \frac{X_B}{V_m} \right) \quad (2) \\ \# \text{ atoms/cm}^2 \cdot \text{sec} &\quad \text{the atomic vol.} \quad \leftarrow \text{pair migration rate} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta G}{RT}\right) = 1 - \frac{\Delta G}{RT} \quad \text{if } \frac{\Delta G}{RT} \ll 1. \quad (3)$$

$$(3.20) \therefore V = \frac{A_2 n_1 V_1 V_m^2}{N_a R T} \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta G^a}{RT}\right) \frac{\Delta G}{V_m} \rightarrow V \propto \frac{\Delta G}{V_m} \text{ d.force}$$

$$(3.21) \frac{V_B}{M_B} \frac{dM_B}{dx} \propto V = M \cdot \frac{\Delta G}{V_m} \quad M \text{ is the mobility of the boundary vel. under unit d.f.}$$

$$(3.22) M = f(T) \sim \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta H^a}{RT}\right) \rightarrow \text{an exponential increase in mobility w/ Temp.}$$

!!  $\therefore$  the boundary migration - thermally activated process like diffusion.

- In reality some atoms may will jump more easily than others.  
 atoms in ledge or step ends. A, B, C in Fig. 23a.

Boundary migration effected by the growth of the ledges in one grain w/ the shrinking of corresponding ledges in the other grain (Fig. 23b).

- the open struc. of h-angle p.b. - high mobility (coherent: special bond  
 the dense pack'g of l-angle p.b. - low .. (twin b. - immobile))

(5)

- the impurity effect on the boundary mobility Fig 3.27.

the vel. of random b.  $\propto$  w/ increasing alloying content.

Random b: a small quantity of impurities ~~enhances~~ the vel. by orders of mag.

Special b: less sensitive to impurities  $\therefore$  ~~perfect~~<sup>pure</sup> Random b moves fast

$\rightarrow$  g.b.: preferred area for solutes (impurities) if no impurities.



- the g.b. energy of a pure metal changes on alloying: lower E.

- In p.b. segregation

$$(3.23) \quad \text{g.b. solute conc. } X_b = X_0 \exp \frac{\Delta G_b}{RT} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{low mole fraction of solute} \\ \text{in the Matrix!} \end{array}$$

$X_b = 1$  one monolayer  $\rightarrow$  complete from single closed

packed layer of atoms in the boundary.

- $\Delta G_b \uparrow$  as ① the size misfit bet'n solute & matrix  $\uparrow$
- ② the solute-solute bond strength  $\downarrow$
- ③ the matrix solubility  $\downarrow$  (Fig 3.28)

(Fig. 3.23)  $\rightarrow$  p.b. segregation  $\downarrow$  as T  $\uparrow$ .  $\rightarrow$  solutes moves into the matrix

$X_b \rightarrow 1$  at low T or at high  $\Delta G_b$ .

!! Solute dragging effect onto the boundary !!

The magnitude of the drag  $\equiv f$  (binding energy, conc in the boundary)

ex. a "low solute" drag - high mobility of special boundary

conc. insensitive to conc. of solute

! more close packed structure

- the high mobility of special g.b.  $\rightarrow$  important in recrystalln.

heavily deformed metal  $\rightarrow$  deformed texture (like deformed single crystal)  $\xrightarrow{\text{on heating to h.t.}}$  new grains nucleate & grow: special orientation w.r.t. the matrix  $\rightarrow$  higher mobility, then overgrow the random boundaries.  $\rightarrow$  recrystalln texture

Causes

low carbon steel - deep drawing possible due to